

## Puzzlers Rush to Solve Garden Flower Problem Apparently So Easy

**I**N spite of the triteness of the phrase "I am inclined this morning to say, 'I told you so!'"

For there is not a dissenting voice heard so far in answer to my assertion that the flower puzzle for this week is an easier one than the one you had to solve last week.

From the looks of things I should say that puzzlers are laboring under the impression that it is a very easy matter to find out what grows in Miss Campbell's garden, but it isn't a good idea to be too sure, for there may be any one of several answers to many numbers of "The Mystic Flower Garden."

There are just twice as many solutions today to the new puzzle as there were last Monday morning to "What Came Up" from the "Things Planted By An Amateur Gardener."

**Greatly Helped**  
By Last Week's Puzzle.

"It was a great help in solving this puzzle to have last week's experience," one early contestant told me over the phone. "I think it is the easiest puzzle you have ever had," she went on to say, confidently.

Then she sent me her solution. And there were only nine of the twenty-three numbers correct!

So you see things are not always as easy as they look.

A Times reader called me up today to request a suggestion for entertaining a dozen friends quite informally.

"Why not have them solve 'The Mystic Flower Garden'?" I suggested.

"O, I hadn't thought of that," she exclaimed, delightedly. "It will be just the thing and bushels of fun."

This little party is planned for this afternoon, and tomorrow I am to have the thirteen solutions, those of the guests and that of the hostess.

**Guests**  
Must Wait for Solution.

Since the hostess herself does not know the answers to the "Mystic Flower Garden" her guests must wait until Sunday to learn if they have succeeded in solving the puzzle correctly, which will make them think of and talk about the party all through the week.

And should any one of these dozen solutions be correct the hostess will award a prize.

This unique entertainment may afford

### The Mystic Flower Garden

- 1—In What Did the Wealth of the Patriarchs Consist.
- 2—An Animal and a Covering for the Hand.
- 3—A Dainty Feminine Belonging.
- 4—With Us Always.
- 5—A Wise Man and a Stamp.
- 6—A Bird and Part of a Bird.
- 7—Feminine Members of a Society.
- 8—A Fierce Animal and a Flower.
- 9—A Great Country and a Girl's Name.
- 10—A Ruddy Wanderer.
- 11—A Portion of Everybody's Face.
- 12—A Fashionable Shade.
- 13—An Emblem of Constancy.
- 14—A Handsome Walking Stick.
- 15—A Nice Boy.
- 16—A Father's Command To His Son.
- 17—A Boy's Name, a Girl's Name, An Article, and Silent.
- 18—A Kitchen Utensil, S, and Part of a Railroad Track.
- 19—A Bottle, and Meaning AND.
- 20—Another Name for Idleness.
- 21—A Stone, and Part of the Anatomy.
- 22—A Coin, and the Household of a King.
- 23—A Boy's Name and a Fruit.

a suggestion to others who are casting about for something to do when having their friends for an informal afternoon or evening.

The usual contest rules govern this week's puzzle with the prizes of \$5, \$3, and \$2 for the first three most nearly correct solutions received.

To be eligible for a prize your answers must reach me not later than 3 o'clock Friday afternoon.

## DAILY FASHION TALK TO READERS OF THE TIMES



**I**N making a frock, or at least in selecting a design, many women prefer to use separate waist and skirt models, joined in the semi-princess fashion, that from its initial appearance has met with such a pronounced success. There is much to be said in favor of this idea, as it is almost certain to give a stamp of individuality to the costume that always has its charm.

As the skirt pictured on this page is rather dressy in effect, it is excellent for this purpose, and is admirable for the soft materials so largely used for frocks at the present time.

The upper portion is cut in one piece and may be gathered both top and bottom and joined to a slightly circular flounce, whose smart appearance is further enhanced by a trimming band, that need not be used, however. This portion may also be effectively plaited and pressed into position, a style that is particularly lovely in chiffon or one of the soft silks. When the circular flounce is used, the smartest effect is gained by the use of contrasting material and color, although many attractive skirts show the facing of deeper shade in satin or messaline, which is certainly less trying to the average woman, as it does not "cut the height," as the saying is, as the decided coloring is almost certain to do. If the trimming band is used it should correspond in material to the flounce.

As shown in the illustration on this page, an extremely attractive costume may be made by combining this skirt with waist shown, which is particularly well adapted for this purpose.

A dull shade of old rose crepe de chine, trimmed as illustrated with bands of satin in a slightly deeper shade, would be a very dainty and attractive frock. Cream allover lace as well as platings of net in the same shade would give an effective touch to the costume. The skirt laid in plaits would be especially pretty in this material on account of its sheen and softness, while the fine rucks in the waist lend themselves admirably to the use of this fabric.

Eolienne, foulard, satin, and shantung, as well as the soft woolen materials, as cashmere, henrietta, nun's veiling and wool batiste, may also be used to equal advantage, and make the daintiest of frocks. For general wear, a fine twilled serge in navy blue with trimming of black satin is suggested as a smart and serviceable gown that would be sufficiently dressy for many occasions. Green, brown, or one of the amethyst shades would also make up nicely, while all-black is, of course, always smart.

A woman of medium size will require for the skirt with band of material without distinct up and down, six and one-half yards of twenty-seven-inch, or three and seven-eighths yards of material forty-four inches wide.

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	13.38	
MESSALINE.		
9 yards Messaline, 36 inches wide at \$1.50.....	\$13.50	
1 yard Lace, 18 inches wide.....	2.00	
3-4 yard Silk, 36 inches wide, at \$1.00.....	.75	
	16.25	
CREPE DE CHINE.		
6 1-2 yards Crepe de Chine, 44 inches wide, at \$2.....	\$13.00	
1 yard Satin, 27 inches wide.....	1.00	
1 yard Lace, 18 inches wide.....	3.00	
	17.00	

### Queer Fabrics for Newest Hats

The latest in hat trimmings, for inexpensive office or outing hats, is the application of furniture satin, cretonne, etc.

Of course, the use of cretonne in this way is an old story; but now upholstery fabrics of all sorts, though always the figured ones, are being used as bows and scarfs on hats, and even as separate cut-out flowers.

As they cost about 2 or 3 cents a yard, they should be much in demand among the economical!

Thin materials of this sort can be faced in another color; curtain muslin, for instance, can be treated in this way.

Edging of various sorts is, of course, better for this purpose than an all-over pattern, though this, too, is used in Paisley and Persian designs.

### Daily Horoscope

"The stars incline, but do not compel."

Tuesday, October 18, 1910.

Jupiter now doth yield  
Favor in many a field.

ON this 21st day the October or Hunter's Moon is full.

Jupiter reigns as the greatly fortunate planet, promising riches and increase, furthering the intercourse of mankind, vitalizing plans and ideas and helping new undertakings.

The sign is excellent for dealing with old customers and seeking new ones. It is held to be singularly auspicious for opening new places of business.

There is profit and fortune in the aspect, however, only for those who maintain integrity in all dealings and are perfectly straightforward and frank.

Superiors will profit in periods like this by showing favor and sympathy and by lessening the burdens of those under them.

Charitable actions are under brightly favoring rule.

Mars holds a place threatening disaster from meddling with things with which one has no concern. The sign is especially warning against idle and negligent use of fiery agencies, destructive implements and materials and swift things. There is also a menace warning against carelessness with poisons or acids.

The Sun holds a position favoring the just and generous person, but the menacing great-ills to the tyrannical, overbearing, domineering, vehement and belligerent.

Venus favors shopping and all other undertakings of women.

The day should prove auspicious for engagements and weddings. Persons with this birth-date are under signs that usually grant a capacity for getting an unusual amount of pleasure out of life, demanding, however, that the subject refrain from cross-grained, exacting wishes.

Children born today are under a star that should give them talents for all the gentle and refined arts of the world. Often they are endowed with gifts for music.

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### SOME HINTS FOR THE DAILY MENU

**BREAKFAST.**  
Baked apples, cereal and cream, bacon and fried mush, whole wheat bread, toast, tea and coffee.

**LUNCHEON.**  
Broiled ham, sweet potatoes, sautes, rice croquettes, stewed prunes and cookies, tea.

**DINNER.**  
Chicken and oyster bisque, mold of beef and macaroni, creamed onions, stuffed tomatoes, chestnut pudding, black coffee.

**TO PRESS SEAMS.**  
Here is a useful thing to remember in pressing sleeve-seams open. Turn the sleeve, insert a smooth glass bottle, open the seam, and press. You will find that enough moisture comes from the bottle to dampen the seam without impairing the goods, and, besides, it keeps you from creasing the sleeve. This is very helpful to know in dressmaking, as it works beautifully with woolen cloths.

**LOWE AND EGAN MATCHED.**  
Next Saturday night Lowe and Egan, two Washington lightweights, are engaged to be married at Pittsburg by Frankie Madole and Satsy Flanagan, respectively. It is possible that a club will be formed in this locality where bouts will be put on for the members only.

**IRON REVIVES BOWS.**  
Velvet or ribbon bows may be given new life without removing them from the hat by using a curling iron. It should be made quite hot, then covered loosely with a wet cloth, and inserted in the loops, opening iron as wide as loops demand, and holding it there until loops are dry, when they will look like new.

### LATEST FASHIONS IN LEATHERWEAR

Leather belts are of patent leather, girdles of crushed kid.

Colored leather bags about eight inches wide are most fashionable—a moderate size somewhere between the very small and the enormous bags.

Cross-grain leather bags are stitched by machine to give a strip effect, the stitching being done in a contrasting color.

Brown and tan suede leathers are being largely used in dress accessories with tailor-made dresses.

Pierced leather cardcases and small handbags are seen mounted over colored plush or velvet.

The colored leather bags mentioned above are shown in such shades as green, apricot, lavender, violet, and garnet.

Many of the larger handbags and week-end bags are equipped with key locks, the tiny keys being worn on a chain around the neck.

## Simplest of Matters For Husband to Make His Wife Contented

By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

**U**NLESS a woman is utterly devoid of reason and good sense, it is the simplest of matters for the man who loves to make her happy after marriage.

A little tact, a little self-denial, a little patience, much consideration, many small attentions, and unflinching kindness will keep the average woman as happy as her days are long.

But in spite of the simplicity of the undertaking, the world is filled with domestic failures; and the discontented and disappointed wives seem to outnumber the satisfied ones.

Most men begin married life with more real love in their hearts than most women bestow upon their husbands; yet, after a few years of domestic life it is the woman who gives, and the man who seems to fall in bestowing the proofs of affection, which are so necessary to the happiness of most women.

**Woman's Chief Desire.**

The leading desire of a woman's heart is to feel always, and under all circumstances, that she is first in her husband's thoughts. The next desire is to feel that he likes to be with her; that he enjoys her society, and that he comes to her joyfully, even as in the days of courtship.

It is just in these two matters that so many men fail.

Most decent men give their wives dutiful attentions. They provide for their wants, and are anxious to have them entertained; but too frequently they are satisfied to provide amusement and entertainment which does not necessitate their personal participation.

A woman who had received an expensive New Year gift was, nevertheless, most unhappy by having her husband sit in an absent-minded manner through the dinner hour with friends, and to hear him ask to be excused as soon as decency allowed, and to see him hurry away to watch the old year out and the new in at his club.

Her unhappiness over this incident seemed unreasonable, but, yet, he had given her that hour of his undivided attention and shown pleasure in having her at his side as the New Year came in, he could have finished his work with his club and left no scarring memory on the heart of the woman he had chosen from all the world to be his companion.

It required only a little self-denial and a little tact to make this one wife happy.

**Tenderness And tact.**

Unless a woman is obsessed by the demon of jealousy, which makes her incapable of sane reasoning and good judgment, she does not object to having her husband show other women salacious and gracious attentions. She is, indeed, proud of him when other wo-

men admire him and find his society agreeable.

But in order for any woman to take this view of life, the man must be tender and tactful enough to make her feel ALWAYS that she stands first in his heart.

He must look in her eyes when she is talking to him, not past her to gaze at some other; he must see her when she enters a room, and come to meet her; he must not forget her presence and sit or stand with his back to her while he entertains some other woman, and he must be as ready and quick to praise his wife as he is to praise others.

**One Cause For Jealousy.**

When a man springs quickly to the defense of another woman who is criticized in any manner, and at the same time is prone to think his own wife needs criticism he must not be surprised if she exhibits what is commonly called "jealousy."

The tactful man can and will avoid such situations by keeping his wife confident of her power to charm and please him; and whenever he goes from her presence he will make her feel that he goes regretfully.

There are men who treat their wives as good-hearted boys treat their mothers when they first develop into young manhood.

A husband of this type tries to do this duty by his wife; he looks after her comfort; he sees that she has some one to help her pass the time; he gets theater tickets for her and her friends, and then he joyfully hurries away to find his own pleasures, just as the boy hurries off to his comrades and his girl friends after being sure that he has neglected no duty toward his mother.

**Wives Differ From Mothers.**

But while the mother is satisfied with this kind of attention the wife is not—unless she has ceased to care for her husband other than as a provider for her physical comforts, and unless she, too, has other pleasures more congenial than her husband's society affords.

I have seen a woman who possessed every earthly blessing and who was envied by her friends because her husband came to her directly after business hours with some plan for her entertainment, and seemed always solicitous about having her enjoy herself.

Yet he found all his pleasures at the club or in entertainments apart from her. When she complained to him that she felt lonely and dissatisfied with her life he thought her most unreasonable and unappreciative of a good husband.

Did he not do his duty better than most men of her acquaintance. He could not understand that a quiet evening at home, where he seemed to be happy and contented because he was with her, would have meant more to her than all the pleasure he provided her apart from him.

Alas! when it takes SO LITTLE to make a woman happy (a loving and reasonable woman), how needlessly sad it seems that so many women are unhappy.

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## Poems Women Should Know

Editor's Note: Every poem which will appear in this series is one that has brought a throb of hope, a throb of courage, a throb of happiness, or of inspiration to some human heart. In clipping and saving the series you cannot afford to miss one number.

### MOTHER'S BOY

(Published at the request of Mrs. L. E. Benton.)

Yes, I know there are stains on my carpet,  
The traces of small, muddy boots:  
And I see your fair tapestry glowing,  
All spotless with flowers and fruits.

And I know that my walls are disfigured  
With prints of small fingers and hands;  
And that your own household most truly  
In immaculate purity stands.

And I know that my parlor is littered  
With many odd treasures and toys,  
While your own is in daintiest order,  
Unharm'd by the presence of boys.

No! keep your fair home with its order,  
Its freedom from bower and noise;  
And keep your own fanciful leisure,  
But give me my four splendid boys.

—Author unnamed.

### BEDTIME STORIES

Johnnie and Billie Bushytail

By HOWARD R. GARIS

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XVI—THE BUSHYTAILS AT A PICNIC.

**P**ERHAPS you think it is rather early in the season to go on a picnic. Well, perhaps it would be for children, but you see, squirrels are different.

They don't mind the cold a bit, for they have nice fur coats that they never have to take off. So, though winter had hardly gone, and though spring was a little late in arriving, Billie and Johnnie Bushytail and Jennie Chipmunk went to a picnic.

Billie, the frog, had asked them, "If you would like to go to a picnic," Bull said, "I know where there is going to be one."

"Where?" asked Johnnie.  
"Down by my pond," answered Bull. "The ducks are going to have it, but that doesn't matter; you can come just as well as not."

"But we're afraid of water since we were shipwrecked," remarked Jennie Chipmunk, who had just finished doing the dishes and had hung the towels up to dry.

"Oh, well, you don't need to go in the water," said the frog. The ducks will do that. They are used to it."

So Johnnie and Billie and Jennie asked Grandma and Grandpa Lightfoot if they might go to the picnic.

"Yes," grandpa said, "if you are careful not to take cold. A cold at this time of the year is very bad, indeed. Oh, my, yes, and a mustard plaster, besides."

So they went to the picnic. Johnnie and Billie and Jennie Chipmunk, and they took their lunch in a basket Mrs. Wren made for them out of grass and straw. They had several kinds of nut sandwiches, some wild cherry tea, and some soft maple-tree buds that were just swelling up.

Through the woods they went, the two little boy squirrels and the orphan chipmunk, laughing and shouting and having a fine time. Pretty soon they came to the pond where the picnic was to be held. And oh, what a lot of ducks were there! There were big ducks and little ducks, and white ducks and gray ducks and ducks of all colors. And Mrs. Quack-Quack was there, also. She came right up to Johnnie and Billie and asked them:

"Well, are you all right since the shipwreck?"  
"Oh, yes, thank you so much for saving us," spoke up Jennie, who was very polite, indeed.

"Well," said Mrs. Quack-Quack, "the picnic is about to begin, so I must leave you, but I will see you again. We are to start off with a grand swim. When all the ducks formed in line on the pond, and they wobbled their tails,

and wiggled their yellow legs, and opened their bills, and quacked until you had heard enough, around and around they swam until Johnnie and Billie were almost dizzy from watching them.

"Don't they swim fine," cried Jennie Chipmunk.

"Nothing at all," croaked Bullie the frog. "They should be swimming. I can swim under water."

Just then one of the ducks put her head under water and stuck her tail up in the air, standing on her head, just like a man in the circus.

"There is a duck going to swim under water," said Billie.

"On my word," she is really reaching down to get a few nuts to eat," said Bullie. "Watch me swim," and with that he plumped, and swam out of sight for so long.

When he came up with his eyes blinking, the grand swim was over, walking as well as they could, which was not very fast. Then Mrs. Quack-Quack called out that it was time for dinner, and they all sat down and began to eat right off the ground; now, wasn't that rather odd? I thought so, myself. So Johnnie and Billie and Jennie took their nut sandwiches and maple-tree buds out of their lunch, and right in the middle of their lunch who should come along but Mrs. Spider—the one who lived on the desert island.

"Where are the flies you promised me?" she asked.

"Oh, we forgot all about them," said Johnnie. "But what are you doing here?"

"I am on my way to visit Miss Muffet," answered the spider. "You know I have to go down beside her because I'm a spider while she's not."

Just then, little Miss Muffet, eating her tuffet, little Miss Muffet, eating her tuffet, and when she saw the spider, she was so frightened that she ran away, and Billie and Johnnie and Jennie finished their lunch. Then the ducks went in swimming again, and once more after that, because it was their picnic, and they could do as they pleased. Then came all sorts of games, in which the squirrels took part, but they could run so much faster than the ducks that they caught the ducks every time. Then the picnic was over and Johnnie and Billie and Jennie went home. Tomorrow night you shall hear about playing soldier.

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